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DEVIZES RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1970

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(As at 31st December 1970)

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D E V I Z E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

Health Department,
Browfort,
Devizes,
Wilts.

To The Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council of Devizes.

The Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1970 is herewith presented.

A significant rise in the population is noted. The figure for the year under review showing an increase of 280 over that for 1969. This increase of 1.8% is brought about by an influx of persons to the area. Births remain at 242 as in the previous year, though there was a small increase in the number of deaths which rose from 207 to 214. The increase in the population accounts for the decrease in the death and birth rates.

Insofar as causes of death are concerned, the situation remains very much the same as in previous years. Ischaemic heart disease, Pneumonia and Cerebrovascular disease occupy the top three places in the list of causes, the combined figure for these three major killers accounting for 50% of the total number of deaths. Near consistency of this percentage is all the more remarkable when one reflects on the information dispensed by the mass media on such modern killers as motor cars and cigarettes.

The incidence of communicable disease notified showed a small increase over the previous year. I am not prepared to accept this increase as representing a deterioration in the health of the community thinking as I do that, with the disappearance of certain diseases previously prevalent amongst the younger members of the community, the Public Health was never better and continues to improve.

Despite the increase in the number of houses in the District there still remains an appreciable waiting list for Council accommodation. Far from foreseeing the meeting of this demand in the near future, I anticipate that the requirement will increase. If justification for housing development in either the public or private sector is needed, it is provided by the increase in the population.

The water supply to the District is generally satisfactory. Complaints are received in respect of the supply in certain places, particularly in the Lavington area where the problems of reduced pressure and discolouration arise from time to time. We are assured that the North Wilts Water Board are giving these matters appropriate consideration and remedial action can be anticipated.

During the year, a mains water supply was laid in an area of Erlestoke where previously only a piped supply of untreated water from a spring in the village was available to certain properties. This project should prove beneficial to the local situation as the untreated supply, whilst meeting the requirements of certain property owners, was open to contamination. For that reason it gave cause for concern on health grounds.

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It is to be hoped that in the near future owners whose property is positioned to benefit from it, will set aside personal prejudices and arrange for the connection of those properties to the new main supply.

Once again it is reported with regret that no progress has been made insofar as the provision of a fluoridated water supply is concerned.

The sewage scheme for the Cannings area was completed and came into use during the year. It is anticipated that this long awaited development will cope with the needs of the population for whom it was intended and that with minimal delay all properties which can be, will be connected. Whilst some house owners may have been satisfied in the past with their private sewage disposal arrangements, it is to be hoped that they will, by connecting to the public sewer, modernise their properties and in so doing move with the times.

In my report last year I referred at some length to the sewage plant in the grounds of Roundway Hospital. I would like to be able to report that alternative arrangements were now in operation for dealing with the problem of sewage from the area which the plant serves. Such would, however, be premature and the arrangements remain unchanged. There are however grounds for hope that before many years have passed, an all embracing sewage disposal scheme will come into action for the Devizes locality.

I referred last year to the retirement of Mr. F.W. Barrett, the Rodent Operative, whose duties were shared with Devizes Borough. It is with regret that I now report his well earned retirement being cut short, his death having unexpectedly occurred in the autumn.

To my colleagues in the Health Department I offer their merited share of my thanks. I appreciate the difficulties with which they are confronted in carrying out all that one would like to expect from them in the time at their disposal.

P.C. BARRY.

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	63,491
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	15,600
Rateable Value as at 31.3.71.	£424,789
Estimated Product of 1d Rate as at 31.3.71.	£3,940
Number of Council Houses as at 31.3.71.	1,172
Number of Inhabitable Dwellings as at 31.3.71.	5,928

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Births

Females	131
Males	111

Total Deaths:

Females	114
Males	100

Rates per 1,000 population

	Birth Rate		Death Rate	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
Devizes Rural District	17.9	17.5	9.7	8.5
England and Wales	16.3	16.0	11.9	11.7
Wiltshire	17.6	17.2	10.7	10.7

Live Births:

Legitimate	233
Illegitimate	9
Total	242

Stills Births: Nil

Infant Deaths: 3

Under one year	Legitimate	2
	Illegitimate	1
Under four weeks -		
	Legitimate	1
	Illegitimate	1
Under one week -		
	Legitimate	1
	Illegitimate	1

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

MOTHERS AND INFANTS

	1970	1969	1968
Live Births			
Number	242	242	207
Rate per 1,000 population	17.5	17.9	15.3
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	4	3.0	3.9
Stillbirths			
Number	-	4	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-	16	23.9
Total Live and Still Births	242	246	212
Infant deaths (deaths under one year)	3	2	3
Infant Mortality Rates			
Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births	12	8	14.4
Deaths of legitimate infants under one year per 1,000 legitimate live births	9	9	15.1
Deaths of illegitimate infants under one year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	111	-	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births)	8	8	9.6
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	8	8	4.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)	8	24	28.2

CAUSES OF DEATH 1970

The figures given below are taken from the Registrar General's Annual Report :-

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity and oesophagus	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	0	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	0	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	5
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	0	2
Other malignant neoplasms	8	4	12
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	2	0	2
Diabetes mellitus	0	1	1
Anaemias	2	1	3
Diseases of nervous system	0	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	3	4
Hypertensive disease	1	0	1
Ischaemic heart disease	29	20	49
Other forms of heart disease	6	7	13
Cerebrovascular disease	12	14	26
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	4	7
Influenza	2	2	4
Pneumonia	11	21	32
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	3	6
Asthma and other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3
Peptic ulcer	0	1	1
Appendicitis	0	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	0	2	2
Cirrhosis of liver	1	0	1
Other diseases of digestive system	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	0	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	0	2	2
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	0	2	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	0	2	2
Congenital anomalies	0	1	1
Perinatal deaths	1	1	2
Accidents including motor vehicle	3	7	10
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	0	1
TOTAL	100	114	214

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES OR FOOD POISONING

TABLE A

Incidence of diseases, notified by family doctors as occurring in mutually exclusive age groups of the population :-

Disease	0-4	5-14	15-44	45-64	All Ages
Scarlet Fever	2	8	0	0	10
Measles	61	42	1	0	104
Tuberculosis	0	0	1	0	1

TABLE B

Incidence of diseases included in Table A as occurring within Parishes :-

	Scarlet Fever	T.B.	Measles
Beechingstoke			1
Bishops Cannings			3
Bromham			11
Erlestoke			3
Market Lavington			9
Marston			3
Potterne			18
Poulshot	4		
Roundway	2	1	24
Rowde	4		10
Seend			4
Stert			1
West Lavington			16
Worton			1
TOTAL	10	1	104

TABLE C

A comparison of Table A with the preceding four years :-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Scarlet Fever	8	10	9	6	10
Whooping Cough	0	4	0	0	0
Measles	136	64	11	86	104
Dysentery	0	1	1	1	0
Food Poisoning	0	4	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	1	4	4	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	0	0	0	0
Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice)	0	0	0	2	0

IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

For providing the figures for immunisations and vaccinations carried out in the district during the year, my thanks are due to the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C.D.L. Lycett.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles and Polio. Immunisations

		Children born in years							
		1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1961 - 65	1955 - 60	Others under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1970	Diph.	70	110	4	1	-	-	-	-
	Wh. Cough	70	109	4	1	-	-	-	-
	Tetanus	70	110	4	1	1	1	-	1
	Measles	1	53	34	18	11	10	5	-
	Polio.	69	106	8	6	6	8	1	-
Reinforcing imms. given in 1970	Diph.	-	29	51	11	34	88	1	-
	Wh. Cough	-	22	35	8	1	14	-	-
	Tetanus	-	29	51	11	35	90	12	1
	Polio.	-	23	48	13	32	114	-	-

Smallpox

Age Group	Months				Years		
	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	1	2 - 4	5 - 15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	1	40	45	9
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	13

WATER SUPPLY

The following are the results of samples taken :

Taken by the North Wilts Water Board (small coliform count in the majority with exception of larger counts on new, as then unused, mains)		118 satisfactory 10 unsatisfactory
Taken by Public Health Inspectors:	Public Supplies	37 satisfactory 7 unsatisfactory
	Private Supplies	9 satisfactory 49 unsatisfactory

The North Wilts Water Board supplies mains water to 98% of the Council's district. There has generally been no shortage of water in the district and the complaints in 1969 of temporary low pressure in the Spin Hill area of Market Lavington has resulted in somewhat improved supplies.

Many complaints have been received from residents in the Lavington area regarding discoloured water. Pressure has been brought to bear on the North Wilts Water Board who after investigation, resolved that the sinking of additional bore holes and provision of new mains was necessary for a permanent remedy.

The position in regard to water supply via public water mains (no water is supplied by public standpipe) is as follows :-

	No. of houses supplied from public water mains 1970	Population supplied 1970
All Cannings	134	468
Beechingstoke	49	170
Bishops Cannings	281	985
Bromham	540	1880
Chirton	97	338
Easterton	135	474
Erlestoke	60	210
Etchilhampton	51	178
Great Cheverell	155	543
Little Cheverell	55	192
Marden	34	120
Market Lavington	449	1577
Marston	42	145
Patney	29	100
Potterne	542	1940
Poulshot	101	346
Roundway	366	1115
Rowde	323	1120
Seend	353	1238
Stanton St. Bernard	41	143
Stert	35	222
Urchfont	283	985
West Lavington	353	1236
Worton	131	438

The District is supplied from six sources, the fluoride content of the supplies being as follows:-

Source	Expressed as fluoride content in parts per million
Chirton	Less than 0.1
Erlestoke	" " 0.1
Great Cheverell	" " 0.14
Bourton	" " 0.1
Shepherds Shore	" " 0.1
Chippenham	" " 0.7

SEWERAGE

Main sewerage is now available in the following Parishes :-

Erlestoke	Bromham (including Westbrook, Hawkstreet and Netherstreet)
Market Lavington	Rowde
Urchfont (including Wedhampton	Stanton St. Bernard
Seend (including Sells Green)	Etchilhampton
Potterne	West Lavington
Great Cheverell	Little Cheverell
Worton	Poulshot
Chirton (including Conock)	Marston
Patney	Marden
Easterton	All Cannings (including Allington)
Bishops Cannings (including Coate, Bourton and Horton)	

After many frustrating delays, the scheme for All Cannings and Bishops Cannings which was commenced last year, was put into operation during the latter part of 1970.

The provision of main sewerage to this area will encourage improvement of many sub-standard dwellings and permit the construction of a limited number of new houses, both Council and private.

The Ministry have given approval for the sewering of the Seend Cleeve area and the enlargement of the Urchfont Works.

SERVICES UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

(a) Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined 9

(ii) Number of positive samples found Nil

(iii) Action taken Nil

The following samples of heat treated milk were taken :-

Sterilised	Pasteurised	Pasteurised C.I.	U.H.T.
12	20	8	6

Three of the samples were not tested due to high shade temperatures. All other samples were found to satisfactorily comply with the respective Statutory tests.

(b) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

The following table shows the number of premises to which the Regulations apply :-

General retail food shops	39
Licensed premises	41
Butchers' shops	6
Bakehouses	2
Fried Fish Shops	2
Hospitals, Schools and Institutes	41
Cafes and Licensed Premises serving full meals regularly	3
Food Factories and Poultry packing establishments	5
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All of the above-mentioned premises were inspected at least once during the year and found to comply with the relevant legislation.

(c) Poultry Inspections

(i)	Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2
(ii)	Number of visits to these premises	61
(iii)	Total number of birds processed during the year	447,727
(iv)	Type of birds processed	Ducks, Hens, Turkeys and Capons.
(v)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	.008% turkeys .08% Capons 1.2% Hens less than .5% Ducks (Minimal due to weekly growth culling)
(vi)	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	9 tons

(viii) Comments on Poultry Processing

Both processing plants are visited at regular intervals and apart from requests to carry out minor improvement works, a high standard of hygiene is maintained.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the Council's District.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1970 FOR THE DEVIZES RURAL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	3	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	58	38	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	61	41	4	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served and prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) & (7)
Wearing Apparel) Making etc.) Cleaning) and) Washing	11	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	-	-	-	-

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
including contributions by Mr. E. Wright

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ending 31st December 1970.

During the year, the Health Department relinquished offices on the first floor and were allocated accommodation on the second floor which was formerly part of the caretaker's flat.

The staff of the Department has worked extremely hard during the year and, with part-time clerical assistance, technical officers' time and energy is necessarily often spent on more mundane matters.

I thank all members of the department for their willing co-operation and would also like to record my appreciation to Dr. Barry and all other Chief Officers for their help and advice.

DAVID W.E. JESSETT.

Senior Public Health Inspector

Council Housing

21 Council dwellings were completed during 1970. These were all two bedroom bungalows apart from one being specially designed for a disabled person with three bedrooms. A high standard of central heating was provided. The Council resolved to go ahead with the third of their Grouped Schemes for elderly persons at Highfields, Bromham.

Private Housing

73 dwellings, comprising houses and bungalows, were built by private enterprise. Some of the dwellings were erected on small estates in various villages and a few were for private individuals; 95% of the new homes were provided with central heating.

Improvements to Private Dwellings

The number of improvement grants completed were 4, in addition to 33 standard grants. These figures, although higher than in previous years, are disappointingly low. The Council delegated authority to the Clerk to issue approval for improvement grants, in addition to standard grants, on the recommendations of the Treasurer and Senior Public Health Inspector.

This new streamlined grant procedure, together with publicity campaigns by the Ministry, have produced numerous enquiries regarding grants during the year and have resulted in the following number of applications :-

Improvement grants	23
Standard Grants	46.

These figures are most encouraging and should be surpassed in 1971.

Improvements to Council Dwellings

Six old, dilapidated cottages purchased by the Council were improved to high standard. The cottages are intended for elderly persons and are provided with hot air central heating by means of electricity.

A small number of pre-war Council houses were also improved and with the advent of the sewerage schemes in All Cannings and Bishops Cannings, further improvement schemes are envisaged.

Slum Clearance

No houses were demolished during the year although 12 Closing Orders were made.

The Council's programme of Slum Clearance for the next four years was estimated to be some 30 properties.

Due to considerable time and effort being spent in the improvement of houses by means of grant aid, little progress was able to be made with the inspection of the district with a view to slum clearance.

Three old cottages, bordering on the side of unfitness, are to be purchased by the Council and later improved. This action was resolved after approaches to the owner to carry out improvements failed.

Caravans

Site licences are in existence for 48 permanent and 32 holiday caravans.

The Council's new conditions attaching to site licences are gradually raising the standard of amenities, comfort and safety for caravan dwellers.

The Council's proposal to open their own site at Potterne Hostel is to be commended.

Housing - Annual Return

Appendix 1 shows the data provided by the Health Department for the County Medical Officer of Health.

REFUSE

The refuse collection and disposal service is operated by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

For the general public, a weekly kerbside collection continues, but a back door collection has commenced for the elderly who are able to prove infirmity and absence of willing help to put out bins.

The disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping in a disused clay working and gives rise to no nuisance.

ICE-CREAM SAMPLES

No. samples	Grade Results			
	I	II	III	IV
16	10	6	-	-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT 1963

The three premises registered under this Act have been inspected in company with the local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector. The owners maintain a satisfactory standard.

MEAT INSPECTION

The number of carcases inspected and condemned was as follows :-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lamb	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	556	77	6	222	551
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	63	19	1	10	69
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with disease	11.3%	24.6%	16.66%	4.5%	12.5%
Tuberculosis only					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.4%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticercosis	.9%	.3%	-	-	-

Details of meat including offals condemned :-

From	Bovine carcases (less cows)	1134 lbs.
	Cows	297 lbs
	Pigs	162½ lbs
	Sheep	15 lbs
		1608½ lbs

PETROLEUM ACTS

The Senior Public Health Inspector is also responsible for the licensing of the 78 premises in the district storing petroleum spirit. The Council agreed during the year that all licensees should be informed that additional conditions would be enforced when existing licences expire in 1971.

All conditions attached to licences are intended to prevent or minimise fire and explosion. There have been no such incidents in the district.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

Although there is very little industrial pollution in the district, the department concerns itself with numerous prior approval of furnace applications.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957

Three premises are licensed under the Act, and are carefully watched to ensure that waste food is boiled in accordance with the Order and that the boiled product is not re-contaminated with raw waste.

RIVER POLLUTION

Close co-operation exists between the Council's Officers and the Officers of the two River Boards concerned with the Council's district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

31 premises are registered with this Council and others with H.M. Inspectorate of Factories.

Numerous other premises are exempt from the provisions of the Act as they do not employ persons for more than 20 hours weekly.

Verbal and informal requests to remedy minor matters have been complied with.

NOISE

During the latter part of the year, complaints were received regarding noise nuisance from two sources - a butcher's deep freeze unit and also in respect of music for dancing at a public house.

With regards to the first complaint, approaches to the owner, together with advice has resulted in a partial reduction in noise level. In the other instance, the problem has not been solved and remains under observation and consideration.

KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Complaints arising from the spreading of pig and poultry manure, usually liquid and putrefactory in content, continue to be received.

This national and indeed world-wide problem appears to have no immediate solution in many instances.

The Council have given serious consideration to the matter and the problem is kept under observation.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPLAINTS

Type of Complaint	No.	Remedied	Outstanding	No action necessary.
Housing (excluding Council Housing)	7	3	2	2
Overcrowding	1			1
Insanitary houses	2			2
Sewerage	5	3	2	
Drainage	15	11		4
River Pollution	1			1
Water	7	2	3	2
Refuse	2	2		
Keeping of animals and poultry	3	1	2	
Fly and insect infestation	2	2		
Rodent infestation	524	522		2
Offensive accumulations	2	1		1
Food complaints	2	2		
Gypsies, camping caravans	2	2		
Footpaths	1	1		
Miscellaneous	6	6		
Noise	1		1	
	583	558	10	15

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	630	Refuse	10
Nuisances	236	Factories	28
Drainage	111	Infectious diseases	40
Sewerage	142	Rodent Control	96
Water Supply	173	Diseases of Animals Act	14
Water Samples	156	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	92
Dairies	32	Civic Amenities Act	45
Milk Sampling	76	Building Inspections	511
Food Inspection	282	Town & Country Planning	102
Food Shops	193	Petroleum Regulations	103
Bakeries	13	Council Houses	63
Animal Boarding Establishments	16	Miscellaneous	723

NOTICES SERVED UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Statutory	Nil
Informal	61

NOTICES COMPLIED WITH

Statutory	3
Informal	58

RODENT CONTROL

Set out below is a Table showing details of visits and treatments carried out during the year and submitted to the Ministry of Agricultural, Fisheries and Food :-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS		
1. Number of properties in district	4,145	845
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	495	26
b. Number infested by		
(i) Rats	86	10
(ii) Mice	13	4
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	558	84
b. Number infested by		
(i) Rats	111	21
(ii) Mice	14	1

SEWERS

1 sewer was found to be infested by rats during the year.

APPENDIX 1

Rural Housing Statistics for Year Ending 31st December, 1970

1.	Number of dwellings in the district at the end of the year.	4,809
2.	Number of permanent dwellings in the district owned by the local authority.	1,247
3.	Number of temporary dwellings in the district owned by the local authority.	Nil
4.	Number of applications for Council dwellings at end of year.	399
5.	Inspection of dwellings during year:	
	Under Public Health Acts,	
	(i) Number of dwellings inspected	59
	(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	11
	(iii) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	9
	(iv) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	Nil
	(v) Number of dwellings made fit after formal notice	Nil
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
	Under Housing Acts,	
	(i) Number of dwellings inspected	183
	(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	23
	(iii) Number of dwellings where informal notices were served	17
	(iv) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	22
	Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35 Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	
	(i) Number of dwellings where closing orders were made	12
	(ii) Number of dwellings closed as result of closing orders or undertakings by owners	3
	(iii) Dwellings made fit as a result of closing orders	1

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Dwellings erected or converted during year:

1.1.70 to 31.12.70	Dwellings completed	Gained from conversion of large houses into flats or dwellings	Lost from conversion of two or more houses into one, change of use etc.
Local Authority	21	-	-
Private Enterprise	73	10	7
Housing Associations etc.	-	-	-

Improvement Grants completed under the Housing Acts, 1949 - 1969

1.1.70 to 31.12.70

Improvement Grants (Conversions & Improvements)		Standard Grants (All types)		Special Grants	
Number of dwellings completed	Amount of grants paid	Number of dwellings completed	Amount of grants paid	No. of dwellings completed	Amount of grants paid
4	£3,059	33	£6,291.15.2	-	-

Housing Act, 1969, Part II

Number of Improvement areas declared under Sections 28(1) NIL

Housing Act, 1969, Part III

Number of qualification certificates issued under Sections 45(2) & 46(3)

Provisional 13
Final 1